

Cloudy tonight. Clear and colder tomorrow.

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SOFT COAL STRIKE STARTS SATURDAY IN FIELD OF WEST

Indianapolis Conferees
Abandon Efforts to
Draw Scale.

CALL MAY COME TODAY

Joint Conference of All
Delegates Formally Ends
Negotiations.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 27.—The joint committee of the bituminous miners and operators at 9:40 o'clock this morning voted a disagreement. They decided to call the joint conference this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

It is estimated that 400,000 of the coal miners are affected by the decision. This number, it is said, will in all probability go on a strike at midnight Saturday, when the existing labor contracts expire.

Vice President T. L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers, who was one of the first to come from the committee room, made this statement:

Conference finishes at 2.

"A motion to call the joint conference in session this afternoon at 2 o'clock was carried. The committee will report a failure of the operators and miners to agree."

Asked who had made the motion, Mr. Lewis said:

"It was made by one side and seconded by the other."

The committee went into session shortly after 2 o'clock this morning and was not in session over half an hour.

The motion to adjourn was made, in fact, by President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, and was seconded by J. H. Winder, of Ohio, chairman of the operators of the coal mines.

No Debate of Motion.

There was no decision of any question this morning leading up to the motion to disagree. When asked if there had been any qualifying clause attached to the motion, Horace L. Chapman, a leading Ohio operator, said:

"Absolutely none. The motion was simply to report a disagreement."

The action of the joint conference on the report of the committee was considered merely formal. The belief is that the report will be accepted without question and that before night a strike will be declared.

Cut Demands in Vain.

The final cause of the committee's action was the demand of the miners for an increase of 50 per cent in wages.

Their original demand was for 125 per cent, but this was not seriously considered by the committee during the two sessions each day since March 26.

EXPERT MAY INVESTIGATE SLUMS OF WASHINGTON

J. E. Reynolds, one of the foremost workers of the University Settlement movement of New York, has been in Washington several days and has conferred with the President once or twice since he arrived in the Capital.

Mr. Reynolds has been greatly interested in the investigation of slum conditions in New York and other large Eastern cities. The subject of his conferences with the President has not been officially announced, but it is understood that they discussed the slum conditions of Washington, looking to an investigation and report by Mr. Reynolds.

VICTIM OF LEAKING GAS MAY LIVE TO TELL STORY

Michael Gaghan, thirty-nine years old, who was found unconscious in his room, 10 Florida avenue northwest, from inhaling illuminating gas last night, was reported by physicians at the Emergency Hospital to be much improved today. The physicians believe he will recover.

Gaghan was overcome by the gas a few moments after he had left his room. The gas jet in his room is said to have been defective. Other occupants of the house detected the odor of gas in the room and traced it to Gaghan's room. Physicians say he would have been asphyxiated if he had remained in the room an hour longer.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The western depression continues its eastward movement, but has divided, one center occupying the lower lake region and the other the northern Texas. An area of high pressure of moderate energy is advancing southeast and over the Missouri valley; it is not attended by unusually cold weather, however, as the case of recent nights that have advanced from that quarter.

Rain has fallen quite generally east of the Mississippi, and there have been showers in the Pacific coast States, and rain or snow locally in the Rocky mountain and plateau regions.

The temperatures are generally above the seasonal average for the first time in several weeks.

Rain is probable tonight in Atlantic coast districts, and snow or rain tonight and Wednesday in the lower lake region. Rain is also indicated for tonight and Wednesday in the east Gulf and South Atlantic States.

It will be somewhat colder, except in the South Atlantic and east Gulf States.

8 a. m. 47

12 noon 45

5 p. m. 35

8 p. m. 31

Sun sets today 6:18

Sun rises tomorrow 5:33

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide today 3:58 p. m.

High tide today 9:50 p. m.

Low tide tomorrow 3:56 a. m.

High tide tomorrow 10:15 a. m.

STEAMER PLYMOUTH VICTIM OF FLAMES IN NEWPORT BERTH

Other Fall River Vessels
Badly Damaged
by Fire.

BIG PIERS IN A BLAZE

Reported Loss of Life Denied, But Damages Will Go Over Million.

NEWPORT, R. I., March 27.—The steamer Plymouth, of the Fall River line, was burned to the water's edge; the Puritan, the Priscilla, the Naugatuck, and the City of Lowell, all of the same line, were scorched by the intense heat; the Fall River passenger station and other buildings on the wharf were badly damaged by a fire here early today. The total loss is estimated at \$1,500,000.

Reports of loss of life were positively denied by officials of the police and fire departments, and only one man was injured. This was Driver Sullivan, of a fire engine, who was run down by his engine, suffering a broken arm.

Started on Plymouth.

The fire started on the Plymouth shortly before 2 o'clock. It began in the bow of the boat, deep in the hold, and soon flames were shooting forth, and smoke was coming in suffocating clouds. The thirteen men on the steamer were aroused and began to give battle to the flames. The job was too much for them, however, and the fire alarm was sounded.

Suddenly the flames from the big Plymouth seemed to take possession of every part of her. They rose from the hold to the first, then the second, and then the hurricane deck, and shot toward the sky. They were caught by the wind and fanned in every direction, first one, and then the other, as if seeking to lick up the other steamers moored close by. Some one cut loose the Priscilla, but she did not float out into the harbor until her white paint had been blistered and her sides were scorched. Then the Puritan, the Naugatuck, and the City of Lowell were freed from the big hawsers that bound them, and when they did not float free quickly tugs came up and towed them to a safe distance. All of them had been damaged more or less.

Piers in Flames.

By this time the flames had jumped to the piers, which burned like paper. The flames ran from one end to the other, and in a few minutes they were a burning mass.

A general alarm was sent in, which called every engine company in Newport to the scene, and messages were sent to Fall River and Providence fire departments to hold a number of apparatus in readiness to be sent here should assistance be required. Before aid was necessary, however, the local companies had the flames under control.

The fire started in the new pier, which was under construction. Those who were on board stated that they had not the slightest idea what could have caused the fire.

Owned by Railroad.

The burned steamer was owned by the New England Transportation Company, a subsidiary company of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company. She was a side-wheeler and was built at Chester, Pa., in 1890. She cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. She was constructed of steel, with interior fittings of wood. Her length was 265 feet; width, 50 feet, and depth of hold, 22 feet.

She was always a remarkably easy boat in a seaway, and had little vibration while running at full speed.

The remains of Louis Lamotte, a fireman on the Plymouth, were found in the hold of the steamer. The head and shoulders were intact, but the arms and legs had been burned off. Lamotte resided on East Eighty-fourth street, New York.

Edward S. Moores made

INSPECTOR AT G. P. O.

Edward S. Moores, for a number of years employed in different positions in the composing rooms, has been designated by Public Printer Stillings as an assistant inspector with duties confined chiefly to the printing divisions. Mr. Moores is a native of the District of Columbia.

There was a report today that the former foreman of the bindery, H. Clay Espey, will again be placed in charge of the bindery. At present Mr. Espey has charge of the bindery branch of the Congressional Library. Mr. Espey has a reputation for executive ability and is known that the Public Printer is reorganizing the office will give special attention to the bindery.

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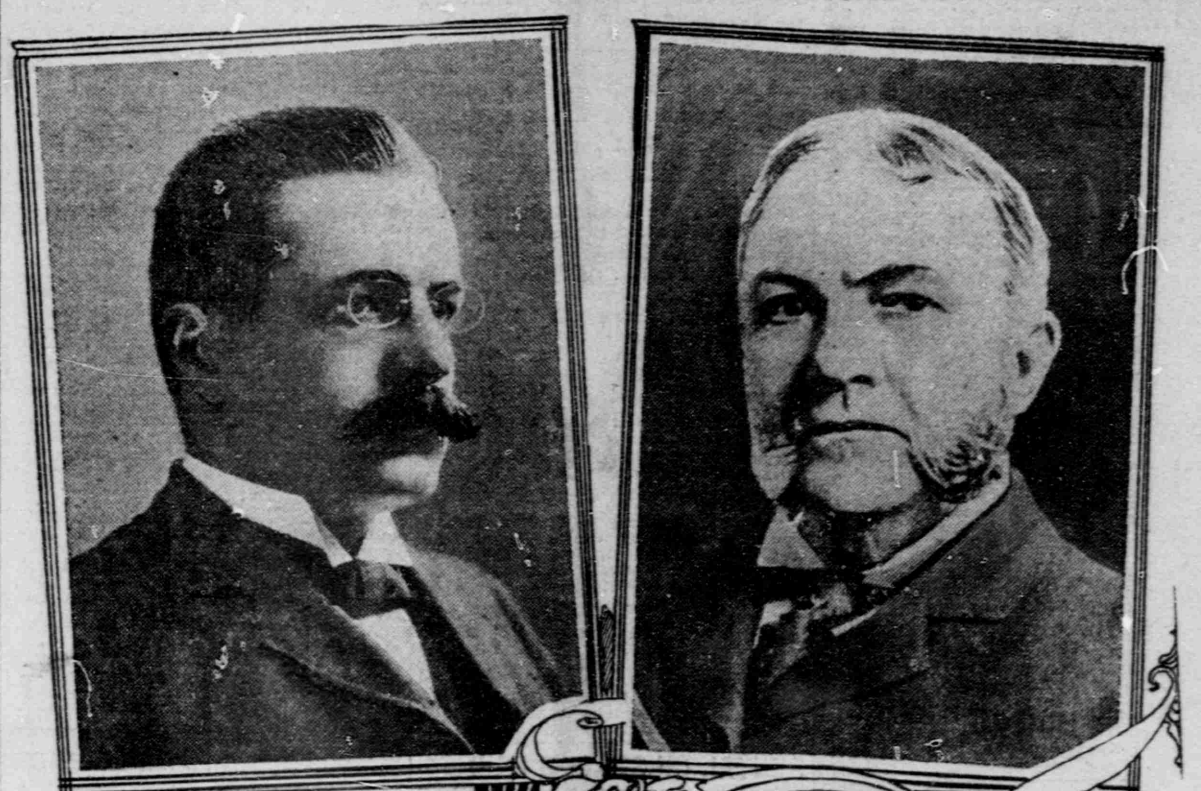
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NOTABLE MEN INVOLVED IN INSURANCE-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS



GEORGE B. CORTELYOU,
Postmaster General and National Chairman of the Republican Party.

BLAZE IN THEATER ENDANGERS MERIDEN

Guests of Adjacent Hotel
Flee in Terror.

WALLS INJURE TWO FIREMEN

House Where Actor Crane Was to
Have Played Tonight Is
Gutted by Flames.

MERIDEN, Conn., March 27.—The Meriden Theater block, on Church street, and the theater auditorium in the rear were destroyed by fire this morning.

For a time it seemed as if a large portion of the business section of the city were doomed. The block which forms the theater entrance is a brick three-story structure, and the theater auditorium was formerly the old First Congregational church, a wooden structure. The rear of the Winthrop Hotel and the Wilcox block, two of the finest buildings in the business center on Colony street, adjoined the theater and were in pressing danger. The firemen turned a number of streams of water on all sides of the burning structure, and saved all the surrounding property.

Started Near Stage.

The fire was discovered near the stage entrance, and the origin is not known.

The walls of the theater fell in with a crash during the height of the fire, adding to the spectacular features of the blaze.

Falling walls injured Capt. Richard Shaw, of the Wilcox Hose Company, and Hosemen James C. Cagwin, of the same company.

The fire caused a panic in the Winthrop Hotel, and many guests and others hastily prepared to leave the building, and many did so. But no damage was done to the hotel.

Crane Was to Play.

William H. Crane was booked to play in the theater tonight. It is a strange coincidence that Mr. Crane, with Stuart Robson, opened this theater many years ago.

The theater building was owned by the Wilcox Realty Company. The theater has been managed by Ira W. Jackson, of New London, and William B. Reed, of this city. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000.

MARIA JOSEPHA OPERATED
UPON FOR APPENDICITIS

VIENNA, March 27.—The Archduchess Maria Josepha, wife of Archduke Otto, nephew of the Emperor Francis Joseph and the brother and heir of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir presumptive to the throne, has been successfully operated upon for appendicitis by Prof. Hochenegg.

A fortnight ago Prof. Hochenegg performed a similar operation upon the Emperor's granddaughter, Princess Elizabeth, of Windschgratz.

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WARRANTS OUT FOR THREE MEN

Jerome Orders Arrests in Political-Insurance Scandal---Said to Be Cortelyou, Bliss, and Perkins.

ALL NOTIFIED OVER PHONE AND PROMISE TO ANSWER

Charges Grow Out of New York Life's Contributions to Republican National Campaign Funds.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Goaded to action by Justice O'Sullivan's remarkable charge to the grand jury yesterday, District Attorney Jerome appeared before Magistrate Moss today and obtained warrants for the arrest of three of the principals in the scandal arising from the New York Life Insurance company's contribution to the McKinley and the Roosevelt campaign funds.

It was reported at the criminal court building that the three men named in the warrants are George W. Perkins, Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of the Republican National Committee, and Postmaster General Cortelyou, former Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The issuance of the warrants followed a long conference between Magistrate Moss and Mr. Jerome.

THEY ARE ALL NOTIFIED.

With the warrants in his possession, Mr. Jerome went back to his office and notified the three men by telephone that warrants had been issued for their arrest. Arrangements were made for them to appear at the criminal court building as early as possible with bondsmen, that bail may be fixed pending a hearing.

Today's action is based upon the campaign contributions which Andrew Hamilton says were paid by him to Cornelius N. Bliss, and which George W. Perkins testified were paid by the New York Life Insurance Company to Mr. Bliss. Andrew Hamilton holds a voucher, signed by Bliss, as a receipt for \$75,000, made in two payments of \$10,000 and \$65,000 to the Republican campaign committee.

George W. Perkins, when he first appeared as a witness before the Armstrong committee, testified that a check for \$8,702.50 had been drawn to the order of J. P. Morgan, and given to Cornelius N. Bliss, for the Republican campaign fund in 1904. The payment was ordered by John A. McCall, president of the company.

Soon after he reached New York Mr. Hamilton announced that he had given Mr. Bliss \$75,000, and held the Republican committee treasurer's receipt for that sum.

When the statement was brought to the attention of Mr. Bliss he denounced it as utterly false, notwithstanding the fact that Hamilton had produced the voucher which had been photographed and reproduced in newspapers.

"No such sum of money was ever paid over by Hamilton or the New York Life," said Bliss. "My word ought to be accepted. No such voucher exists. If anyone says so, he lies."

Judge Blais replied to this by producing the voucher and explaining every detail of the transaction.

Officials Are Questioned.

Vice President Kerwin P. Kingsley, of the New York Life Insurance Company, was one of the first of the insurance officials found by the district attorney's office. He was taken to the Tombs court by Assistant District Attorney Kressel, and in Magistrate Moss' private chambers Kingsley made a sworn deposition.

Subpoenas for other officials of the New York Life were immediately issued, and it is believed that additional warrants will be issued in the course of the proceedings.

After making the deposition Vice President Kingsley was permitted to leave the court. He went to the district attorney's office, Edmund D. Randolph, treasurer of the New York Life Insurance Company, was already there. The two insurance officials were closeted with Mr. Jerome for a long time.

It is understood that Kingsley and Randolph swore to affidavits in regard to the \$45,000 paid by George W. Perkins to Cornelius N. Bliss. These affidavits, it is said, are to support the warrants which are believed to have been issued for Perkins, Bliss, and Cortelyou.

Perkins Sees Counsel.

Mr. Perkins had a consultation with his counsel, Mr. Byrne of the firm of Hornblower, Miller & Byrne, and remained with him in the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co., at Broad and Wall streets. He sent out this message in response to an inquiry:

"I know nothing of any impending arrest."

Cortelyou Learns It Here.

When Postmaster General Cortelyou arrived at the White House this morning to attend the Cabinet meeting, he was asked about the warrant said to have been issued for his arrest in New York. Mr. Cortelyou declared that he had not heard anything from New York to the effect that officials were looking for him with a warrant.

He declined to discuss the matter at all, but it is understood he told several of his fellow-Cabinet officials, as they were gathering for the meeting, that he had just heard of the issuance of the warrant through unofficial circles.

BERLIN, March 27.—Herr Bebel, the socialist leader, speaking in the reichstag today, declared that the Kaiser has wrought an amazing change in public opinion on the question of the navy. A decade ago, the Conservatives, Clericals, and Liberals throughout the whole nation were strongly opposed to an increase in the navy. Since 1898, when the Emperor started an oratorical campaign in favor of expanding the navy, he has converted the Conservatives, Clericals, and Liberals to the effect that officials of the socialists, approves the creation of a powerful fleet.

Herr Bebel reproved the German nation for allowing the monarch to influence its opinion to this extent. Bebel's approach really furnishes the best proof of the Kaiser's magnetic influence over the masses of the German people.

PRESIDENT DISCUSSES

PORTO RICCO BILL

Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Committee on Insular Affairs, talked with the President this morning about the bill of Commissioner Larrinaga, of Porto Rico, to amend the Foraker act.

Mr. Larrinaga was at the White House yesterday afternoon, and informed the President that a number of prominent Porto Ricans were on their way to Washington to appear before the committee in behalf of the bill.

Plenty of Laths.

Libbey Co., 6th and N. Y. Ave.—Adv.